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SUBJECT: TRADE ACT OF 1974-GSP

REF: A) STATE 282967, B) GEORGETOWN 93, C) PORT OF SPAIN

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1. FOLLOWING IS GUIDANCE FOR POSTS WHICH HAVE NOT YET
OBTAINED AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE FROM HOST GOVERNMENT TO
APPROACH REQUESTED PARA 10 REFTEL A.

2. AS ADDRESSEES AWARE, TRADE ACT PROVIDES THAT PRESIDENT
IS TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT IN DESIGNATING BENEFICIARY DEVELOP-
ING COUNTRIES (BDC) FACTORS LISTED IN SECTION 502(C)

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INCLUDING EXPRESSION OF DESIRE TO BE SO DESIGNATED. NONE

OF THESE DISCRETIONARY FACTORS ARE INDIVIDUALLY CONTROLLING. THE ACT DOES NOT SPECIFY FORM EXPRESSION OF DESIRE TO BE DESIGNATED BDC MUST TAKE. THEREFORE WE ARE TAKING INTO ACCOUNT PRODUCT LIST SUBMISSIONS, PARTICIPATION IN PRODUCT LIST SUBMISSIONS BY REGIONAL GROUPINGS SUCH AS CARICOM AND GENERAL EXPRESSIONS IN INTERNATIONAL BODIES SUCH AS UNCTAD AND OAS.

3. ON THIS BASIS WE MAY BE ABLE TO DESIGNATE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AS BDCS EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE RECEIVED NO DIRECT SOLICITATION FROM THEM. INDEED, WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT EXECUTIVE ORDER DESIGNATING BDCS CAN BE PUBLISHED VERY SHORTLY. WE PREFER TO HAVE DIRECT EXPRESSION OF DESIRE

TO BE BDC AND TO HAVE IT IN WRITING. OUR CONCERN,

HOWEVER, IS TO AVOID DESIGNATING COUNTRY BDC ONLY TO HAVE THAT COUNTRY RENOUNCE SUCH DESIGNATION. PLEASE ADVISE PROMPTLY IF, IN YOUR ASSESSMENT, THERE IS REALISTIC POSSIBILITY THAT HOST GOVERNMENT WOULD REJECT DESIGNATION.

4. FOR GEORGETOWN: WE REGRET DELAY IN REPLY TO REF A. AS EMBASSY HAS PROBABLY SURMISED, THERE IS NO FIXED DEADLINE FOR COUNTRIES TO EXPRESS A DESIRE TO BE DESIGNATED BENEFICIARY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (BDCS) FOR PURPOSES OF GSP. KISSINGER

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